

Amusements

"A Southern Girl" Tonight.

The Lasserre-Phelps Comedy Company open a two nights' engagement at the Colonial tonight. The initial offering will be a delightful drama, entitled "A Southern Girl." The Pecos Times, in speaking of this company's presentation of "A Southern Girl," says:

"This is one of the best plays ever staged in Pecos and to say that it was put on perfectly is putting it mildly. Cullenbine, in the specialty act, 'A Every heart in the audience was cap-

tivated by the love displayed between father and daughter and the devotion displayed by Aunt Calline to her 'mis-sus,' the constant nervousness of Uncle George, the villainy of Matthew and Matilda Martin and the eloquent love of the lover, Howard Emery. Each character was perfectly played. Joseph Lehman, in his popular songs specialty, set the house into an uproar of laughter. Verne Phelps and Dora put on perfectly in the specialty act, 'A Wise Bellboy,' brought the house to

their feet and were encored after encore."

Saturday night, "Loretta, the Dancing Girl." Admission 25c, 50c and 75c.

"Lena Rivers."

Seventy-five per cent of the so-called comedies are failures because of their absurdity and rapid attempts to create a laugh. "Lena Rivers" has become notable through its perfectly legitimate comedy situations, which never fail to please even the most blasé auditor, hence its unqualified success with its splendid audiences every where. The cast is an organization marked for its artistic attainment, and the hit which both play and company have made is attested by the continuous applause and laughter which is heard at each performance. The play will be at the Colonial Theater on Tuesday, January 16, and our local theater-goers will then have an opportunity of judging personally of the merits of both company and play. Prices 25c, 50c and 75c.

Jeanne Towler in "The White Sister."

"The White Sister," which comes to the Colonial on next Thursday night, January 18, is not primarily a play of religious nature, for the element of religion is but subsidiary to the story. Miss Towler's play might well be called "a play of love and duty." The peculiarly enticing fascination of a romantic love story is undoubtedly the keynote of "The White Sister's" remarkable success. The religion of the play is but the religion of an Italian woman who turns to her church for comfort after she has been robbed of the man to whom she is betrothed. The keenest interest of the play is centered in the love of these beings, the nun and the soldier, whose ways have led them far apart, both in actual distance and in beliefs.

BIDS WANTED.

To Contractors and Carpenters: Notice is hereby given that I will receive sealed bids up to January 13, 1912, for the improvement of the courthouse roof, according to plans and specifications now on file in the county clerk's office, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. All bids to be filed with county clerk.

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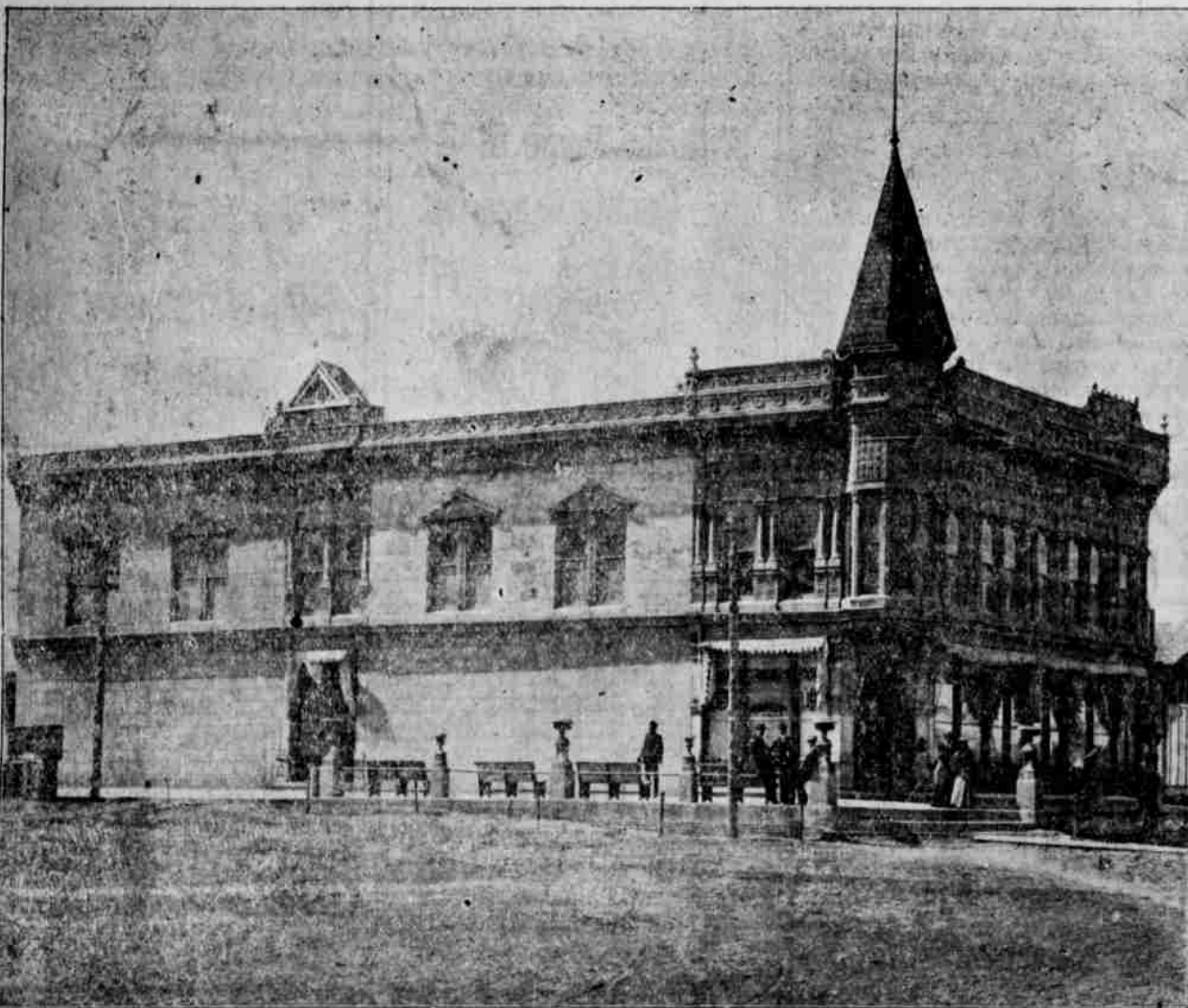
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Destruction of Superfluous Books.

Edmund Gosse has explained his onslaught on the books which he thinks should be discarded by great libraries. He does not advocate any ruthless holocaust. Everybody, he says, who is accustomed to libraries knows in his heart of hearts that in process of time there accumulate in their masses of what is more than useless, what is positively harmful literature, as for instance:

"Badly printed editions of the popular English poets, without notes or apparatus of any kind; handbooks of law which are entirely out of date and mere traps for the feet of the litigant; works on medicine and surgery that are too modern to be curious and yet too ancient to be safe; bad old dictionaries and faulty encyclopedias; superseded summaries of history without a fact that is not recorded elsewhere; theology printed 'at the request of parishioners'; exploded and blundering science—these burden the shelves in tens of thousands. It is particularly libraries collected between 1780 and 1850, roughly speaking, that abound in specimens that should be cleared out."

A Dramatist at Work.

When Eugene Walter writes a play the tools necessary to the process are one large room, one outfit of furniture and one exceptionally rapid stenographer. Mr. Walter and the stenographer enter the room. The door is locked, and work is begun by placing the furniture as it is to be placed on the stage—in other words, by setting the scene. Then the young dramatist begins to act. He is all the characters in his play. He rushes about the apartments, quarreling with himself, making love to himself, now standing here as one person and then racing to the opposite end of the apartment to be another. All the time he is speaking the words that come into his mind as natural under the circumstances, and the stenographer is taking them down at top speed. At the end of an hour or two an act is finished, an invisible curtain is rung down, and if the amanuensis hasn't fainted, as two did in one day of labor on one play, the stage is set for the next act—Channing Pollock in "The Footlights—Fore and Aft."

Plants Which Live in Ice.

Plants do not freeze to death in the early winter, but perish from thirst. The process is simple. The cold causes the withdrawal of the water from the cells of the plants, forming ice crystals outside the cells. The frost, cooling and contracting the surface, acts as a sort of pump, and as soon as the cell is emptied of its life giving fluid the plant dies. The truth of this theory has been proved by numerous careful experiments. Great variation was found in the amount of cold necessary to cause the death of vegetation. Some plants dry out quickly and are killed before the freezing point is reached. Many plants will survive zero weather, and some die only at 20 degrees below. Certain vegetable growths never freeze. There are forms of bacteria that even when immersed in liquid air, the most intense cold available, come out of their bitter bath as lively as ever.—London Telegraph.

The Left Over Sandwiches.

Sometimes after a party there are sandwiches left over. Here is an excellent way of using them up: Make a batter exactly like you use for pancakes and add to it either sugar or salt, according to whether the sandwiches are sweet or savory. Then each sandwich is dipped in the batter and fried till a golden brown in fat from which a faint bluish smoke is rising. No matter how dry they are they are delicious done in this way. Crusts that have been cut off from sandwiches dry in the oven, put through a mincing machine and use as coating for fish, rissoles, etc.—Baltimore American.

She Comes Back.

Church—And you claim that cats are smarter than dogs?
Gotham—I certainly do.
"Why?"
"Well, if you try to lose a dog he'll scent your footsteps and follow you home."
"Agreed."
"Well, you just try to lose a cat and the cat will beat you to your home."—Yonkers Statesman.

Doing Her Part.

"Wife, will you thread a needle for me? I want to sew on a few buttons."
"Why, certainly. There you are. Now, you can sew on your buttons while I go to the bridge club. Sometimes I wonder how you managed before you were married."—Washington Herald.

His Suspicion.

"Why did you leave the place in which you were previously employed?" asked the head of the firm.
"I think," said the applicant for the position of office boy, "de boss was afraid if I stayed I might git his place."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Quaint Logic.

A bit of reasoning à la mode de Dumas ascribed to Rossini: "I don't like spinach, and it is very fortunate I don't, because if I did like it I should eat it, and I can't endure it."

A Delusion.

Bilbison—How was Jones yesterday?
Gibson—He seemed to be laboring under a strange delusion. Bilbison—Indeed! I thought he was playing golf.
Gibson—So did Jones!

There is no sinecure in the soul's economy. Every power has its work to do, every capacity its gift to fill it.—Phillips Brooks.

A Queensland Waterfall.

To most people the idea of waterfalls in Australia is quite unfamiliar. All Australia, however, in the winter time (May to September) makes a pilgrimage to Australia's beauty spot, the Barron river falls, North Queensland. A surveyor who visited the Barron river falls thus records his impressions:

"The noise of the falls has been with us since the early morning—now humming through the jungle, now rushing like a mighty wind up the gorges, now echoing with astounding clearness on the ridges. A few hundred yards below our halting place the turbid stream rushed among the bluish gray rocks and along its well worn channel, and beyond this gauzy clouds of spray floated up from the brink of the falls, caught the sunlight and were glorified with ever forming, ever vanishing rainbow tints. The water does not fall in a sheer leap into the gorge, but plunges along its rocky and precipitous bed in a series of cataracts."—London Standard.

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